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This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

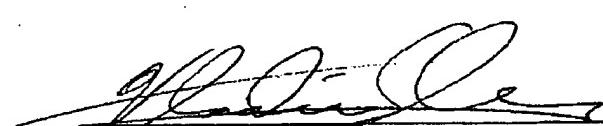
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Applicants: SHNAPS, Moshe et al. Examiner: DINH, Tien Quang

Serial No.: 10/627,630 Group Art Unit: 3644

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MUNITION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

ARGUMENTS FILED IN SUPPORT OF**PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

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Sirs/Madams:

The following arguments are being filed in support of the attached: (1) Notice of Appeal, and (2) Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review, in response to a Final Office Action dated November 20th, 2008. Applicants respectfully request the panel's intervention for relief from what the Applicants perceive to be an erroneous rejection of the pending claims in the present application. More specifically:

It is Applicants' position that the Examiner has erroneously rejected all the pending claims of the present Application based on either: (1) a misinterpretation of the cited references; and/or (2) improper inferences of teachings within the cited references, which inferred subject matter is simply neither taught nor suggested in the cited prior art. More specifically, the Examiner attempted to support an erroneous 103 rejection by combining multiple unrelated references, without showing any motivation to combine the four references. Moreover, the combined teachings of these four unrelated references do not teach or suggest all the limitations recited in pending independent claim 25. More specifically, independent claim 25 recites "...connecting...to a platform...negotiating access to resources associated with the

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platform...using a receiver associated with the platform..." for receiving a signal from a munition.

Admittedly, the primary reference (Applicant's own patent) does teach a munition impact assessment system. However, it is silent with respect to interconnectivity within a platform and resource allocation/utilization/sharing of a platform resource – namely the platform's receiver. Contrary to the pending claims, the Redford reference teaches a smart munition which transmits data back to the platform over a fiber optic cable – obviously there is no use of the platform's own radio/resource in the Redford reference. The Astle reference, in the field of network communication, teaches allocating bandwidth on an ISDN network. Applicant asserts that Astle's teachings have no relation or vague connection to connecting/interfacing and performing resource allocation of resources (e.g. radio) on a platform. Not only are the teachings of Astle from a completely different field of endeavor (e.g. data communication networks) from the subject matter of the pending claims (resource allocation and usage of resources such as a radio on a platform), they also fail to teach the fundamental limitation the Examiner alludes that they do.

Whereas the pending independent claim recite:

25. A method for impact assessment comprising:

connecting an impact assessment unit to a platform electronic warfare system;
negotiating access to resources associated with the platform electronic warfare system; and
regulating communication with a smart munition using a receiver associated with the platform electronic warfare system.

As stated above, the primary reference cited by the Examiner is silent with respect to interconnectivity within a platform and resource utilization/sharing of a platform resource, while the Redford reference teaches transmission of data back to the platform over a fiber optic cable, rather than using the platform's own receiver. As shown, the Redford reference cannot be considered sufficient for the purpose of filling in the gaps in the subject matter taught in the primary reference. In addition, the Examiner's attempt to combine Astle's teachings with the first two references truly puzzles the Applicants and it seems that the Examiner overreached in this case. Such a forced combination of entirely different

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references seems to originate from a misinterpretation of either the cited references and their respective fields, or of the pending Application, or perhaps of both altogether.

Accordingly, it should be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art that the combination of the four cited references fails to teach all the limitations of pending independent claim 25.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has misinterpreted the cited references and misapplied their teachings, while erroneously attempting to infer limitations recited in independent claim 25 of the pending Application. It is Applicants' assertion that an adequate and correct reading of the cited references in light of the pending Application must lead to the conclusion that the references are insufficient in obviating the claims of the pending Application.

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